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1. MITREGA ANNOUNCED TO PRESS ON MARCH 1, 1974, DURING VISIT TO USSR, PLANS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 8,500 MW OF NUCLEAR-GENERATING CAPACITY IN POLAND BY 1990. THE FIRST PLANT, A 440-MW SOVIET WWER PRESSURIZED-WATER REACTOR, IS SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION NEAR GDANSK IN 1981-83. SEE REF A FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

2. WHILE GOVERNMENTAL PRESS ANOUNCEMENTS TIE THE POLISH NUCLEAR-POWER PROGRAM CLOSELY TO THE SOVIETS, THE POLES HAVE BEEN TELLING US PRIVATELY THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL POTENTIAL FOR US TECHNOLOGICAL EXPORTS IN THE POWER AND OTHER NUCLEAR PROGRAMS (SEE PARA 2 REF B). THEIR MOST IMMEDIATE INTEREST APPEARS TO BE THE INTRODUCTION OF TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOVIET REACTOR (E.G., HEAT-FLOW CONTROLS), BUT AT LEAST ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE POLISH SOURCE INTIMATED THAT THE PURCHASE OF US LICENSES OR COMPLETE REACTOR SYSTEMS MIGHT WELL BE CONSIDERED

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IN THE FUTURE. IN VIEW OF THE POLITICAL IMPONDERABLES,

WE FEEL IT IS PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ABOUT TIMING. FYI:
WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INDICATED THAT THE
POLISH NUCLEAR ENERGY AUTHORITY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST
IN THE PURCHASE OF PORTIONS OF WESTINGHOUSE NUCLEAR-
POWER TECHNOLOGY DURING DISCUSSIONS IN WARSAW IN MARCH
1974. END FYI.

3. WHILE NO NUCLEAR-ENERGY EXPERT HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN
THE MITREGA DELEGATION, VICE MINISTER NOWAK IS IN
CHARGE OF NUCLEAR-POWER DEVELOPMENT AT THE MINISTRY OF
MINING AND POWER. HE TELLS US HE HAS RECEIVED FROM
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY
BRIEFING PAPERS ON MHD AND OTHER FIELDS OF POSSIBLE
COOPERATIVE INTEREST IN NUCLEAR-ENERGY.
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